

# Kangjia language

The **Kangjia** language (in Chinese, 康家语 *Kāngjiā Yǔ*) is a recently discovered Mongolic language spoken by a Muslim population of around 300 people in Jainca (Jianzha) County, Huangnan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in Qinghai province of China. As to its taxonomic affiliation, Kangjia seems to be an intermediate between Bonan language and Dongxiang language (Santa).

## Phonology

Kangjia has 9 vowels.<sup>[3]</sup>

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
<u>Close</u>		ʉ	u
<u>Near-close</u>		ï	
<u>Close-mid</u>	e		o
<u>Mid</u>		ə	
<u>Open-mid</u>			ɔ
<u>Open</u>	a		

Consonants

		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Labiodental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Postalveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Uvular</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Stop</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	p					k	q	
	<u>voiced</u>	b					g	ɢ	
<u>Affricate</u>	<u>voiceless</u>			ʈs	ʈʃ				
	<u>voiced</u>			ɖz	ɖʒ				
<u>Fricative</u>	<u>voiceless</u>		f	s	ʃ			χ	h
	<u>voiced</u>		v	z			ʁ	ʁ	
<u>Nasal</u>		m		n			ŋ		
<u>Approximant</u>				l		j			
<u>Trill</u>				r					

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Kangjia	
Native to	China
Region	Qinghai
Ethnicity	2,000 (2007) <sup>[1]</sup>
Native speakers	1,000 (2007) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Mongolic <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shirongolic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Kangjia</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kxs
Glottolog	kang1281 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/lanuoid/id/kang1281">http://glottolog.org/resource/lanuoid/id/kang1281</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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- [The Website of China's Minority Language Studies\(中国民族语言研究网\)](https://web.archive.org/web/20110707050152/http://www.ethnic-languages.org.cn/kangjiayu.htm) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20110707050152/http://www.ethnic-languages.org.cn/kangjiayu.htm>) (in Chinese)
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